

# ENVIRONMENTAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS IN ASIA-PACIFIC

ZOOM WEBINAR  
WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2022  
2.00PM - 5.30PM (SGT)

Environmental Courts and Tribunals (ECTs) play a critical role in improving environmental dispute resolution, access to environmental justice, and overall environmental governance. The Asia-Pacific region is a very important region for ECTs. Nine countries in Asia and thirteen countries in the Pacific have ECTs. However, ECTs in the Asia-Pacific region are an under-discussed phenomenon with data and academic analysis in early stages of development. In this Webinar, the National University of Singapore's **Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL)**, together with the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law (ARIEL)**, brings together experts and stakeholders to have a broad-ranging discussion on trends, best practices and challenges related to ECTs in the Asia-Pacific region. This Webinar is part of a wider research project undertaken by APCEL on ECTs in the Asia-Pacific region.

## FEATURING:



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Time (SGT)	Programme
2.00PM – 2.05PM	<i>Opening remarks</i> <b>Jolene Lin</b> Director, APCEL, NUS Associate Professor, NUS Law, National University of Singapore
2.05PM – 2.10PM	<i>Opening remarks</i> <b>Briony Eales</b> Climate Law and Policy Specialist (Consultant), ADB
2.10PM – 2.15PM	<i>Opening remarks</i> <b>Matthew Baird</b> Director, ARIEL
2.15PM – 2.20PM	<i>Panellist introductions</i> <b>Linda Yanti Sulistiawati</b> and <b>Sroyon Mukherjee</b> Senior Research Fellow, APCEL and Associate Professor, Universitas Gadjah Mada; Research Fellow, APCEL
<b>SESSION 1: PLENARY (moderated by Linda Yanti Sulistiawati)</b>	
2.20PM – 2.35PM	<i>The Role of ECTS In Delivering Environmental Justice: Theory and Practice</i> <b>Brian Preston</b> Chief Judge, Land and Environment Court of New South Wales
2.35PM – 2.50PM	<i>Rules of Procedures in Environmental Courts and Tribunals in Asia Pacific</i> <b>Matthew Baird</b>
2.50PM – 3.05PM	<i>Training and Networking for Environmental Courts and Tribunals in Asia Pacific</i> <b>Briony Eales</b>
3.05PM – 3.25PM	Q&A
3.25PM – 3.35PM	BREAK
<b>SESSION 2: PANEL A (moderated by Briony Eales)</b>	
3.35PM – 3.50PM	<i>Asia-Pacific's Regional Perspective on ECTs: the Way Forward</i> <b>Linda Yanti Sulistiawati</b>
3.50PM – 4.05PM	<i>Legal Analysis of Japan's National Environmental Dispute Coordination Commission</i> <b>Noriko Okubo</b> Professor, Osaka University
4.05PM – 4.20PM	<i>Judicial Response to Environmental Crisis: A Study of ECTS in China</i> <b>Yuhong Zhao</b> Associate Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong
4.20PM – 4.35PM	<i>Environmental Adjudication in New Zealand: Past, Present, and Future</i> <b>Alan Webb</b> Barrister, Quay Chambers
4.35PM – 4.50PM	Q&A
4.50PM – 4.55PM	BREAK
<b>SESSION 2: PANEL B (moderated by Sroyon Mukherjee)</b>	
3.35PM – 3.50PM	<i>National Green Tribunal of India: Quo Vadis?</i> <b>Gitanjali Nain Gill</b> Professor, Northumbria University Law School
3.50PM – 4.05PM	<i>ECTs in Trans-Regional Environmental Governance: China's Experiences and Lessons</i> <b>Peixuan Shang</b> PhD Candidate, Tsinghua University
4.05PM – 4.20PM	<i>ECTs in the Philippines: Legal Analysis</i> <b>Grizelda Mayo-Anda</b> Director, Environmental Legal Assistance Center
4.20PM – 4.35PM	<i>South Asian Perspectives on ECTs: Prospects and Challenges</i> <b>Kokila Konasinghe</b> Professor, University of Colombo
4.35PM – 4.50PM	Q&A
4.50PM – 4.55PM	BREAK
<b>SESSION 3: PLENARY (moderated by Matthew Baird)</b>	
4.55PM – 5.10PM	<i>Summary from Session 2 Panels A and B</i> <b>Briony Eales</b> and <b>Sroyon Mukherjee</b>
5.10PM – 5.25PM	Q&A
5.25PM – 5.30PM	<i>Closing</i>